

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2005-246-C

Sprint Nextel Corporation ("Sprint") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for approval of transfer of control of United Telephone Company of the Carolinas ("United"), Sprint Long Distance, Incorporated (LTD Long Distance) and Sprint Payphone Services, Incorporated from Sprint to LTD Holding Company. The Application was filed in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-310. According to the Application, Sprint plans to separate its wireline local service operation into an independent stand alone operation. As part of that transaction, a new holding company, LTD Holding Company, has been created and control of the Sprint operating companies serving local customers will be transferred to that holding company. In connection with this separation, Spring requests that the Commission approve: (1) the change of control of United Telephone Company of the Carolinas from Sprint to LTD Holding Company; (2) the change of control of Sprint Long Distance, Incorporated from Sprint to LTD Holding Company; and (3) the change of control of Sprint Payphone Services, Incorporated from Sprint to LTD Holding Company. LTD Long Distance currently has a pending application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Intrastate Resold Telecommunications Services, and for Alternative Regulation in Docket No. 2005-238-C.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Commission, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's web site at www.psc.sc.gov, and is available from Scott Elliott, Esquire, Elliott and Elliott, P.A., 721 Olive Street, Columbia, SC 29205.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **October 21, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2005-246-C.***

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, and Scott Elliott, Esquire, at the above address, on or before **October 21, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2005-246-C.***

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **October 21, 2005**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2005-246-C.***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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